

LABOR UNION PLANS ENGINEER COMPANY FOR DISTRICT GUARD

Maryland State and District of
Columbia Federation Will
Organize Skilled Workmen.

FIRST OF KIND FOR CAPITAL

Local Militia Does Not Have
Body of Technical Branch of
the Service.

The first labor organization ever to
indorse military training for American
citizens, the Maryland State and Dis-
trict of Columbia Federation of Labor,
now announces that it is preparing to
organize a company of engineers for the
District of Columbia National Guard,
and possibly a larger company of
specialized troops for the Maryland Na-
tional Guard. The plan of the Federation
has been discussed with the officers of
the National Guard of the District,
and active preparations for the organi-
zation of the company have been started.

Engineers form the highest technical
branch of the military service, and at
the present time there are no engineer
organizations attached to the District
National Guard. Several of the States
have rather large engineer companies,
battalions, and even regiments, but the
District has none.

To Enlist Skilled Men.

It is proposed by the labor leaders to
enlist in the company the skilled men
in the various trades that enter into the
work of the engineer section of the
army. The soldiers and officers are all
to be from the various labor unions of
Washington that are members of the
Maryland State and District of Columbia
Federation of Labor. This means
practically every union affiliated with
the American Federation of Labor.

The last convention of the federation
was held in this city, and a resolution
indorsing the preparedness proposition
and pledging the support of the labor
unions was unanimously adopted after
a hot fight for the resolution had been
fought on the floor of the convention by
President John B. Ferguson, of Balti-
more. The next convention of the fed-
eration is to be held in Annapolis, Md.,
next month, and it is understood that
the organization of the company will
be completed by that time.

General Harvey Approves.

Gen. W. E. Harvey, commanding the
National Guard of the District, is en-
thusiastic over the co-operation of the
labor unions in his work of building up
the National Guard. He states that he
can hardly think of a more valuable
service that could be performed by the
union men than through the organiza-
tion of a company of engineers. The
men in the unions, he said, are the type
of self-reliant, skilled specialists who
have the technical requirements for this
branch of the service, which is the most
difficult to organize because of its de-
mands for special knowledge.

Cabaret Singer Convert Aids in Services Here

Services under auspices of the Omo
Bible class of the Brightwood Park
M. E. Church, were addressed yester-
day afternoon by the Rev. W. J.
Wedderspoon, of Foundry M. E.
Church. Charles Evans, a converted
cabaret singer, of New York, and Dr.
Adam Delbert, blind musician, and
chair leader, of Philadelphia, took
part in the musical program. The
services will be continued at 8 p. m.
throughout the week.

Presbyterians to Hear Lecture on Traveling

At the meeting tonight of the
Brotherhood of the Western Presby-
terian Church a lecture on "Finding the
Worth-while in Travel" will be given by
Capt. D. W. Traylor. Officers have been
elected as follows: President, Arthur
B. Gowler, vice president, Duncan Day-
son, secretary-treasurer, Arthur R.
Thompson.

Funerals

Mrs. Frances B. Collins.
Funeral services for Mrs. Frances
B. Collins, who died yesterday at
Emergency Hospital, aged sixty-six,
will be held at the chapel of John R.
Wright & Co., this afternoon at 2
o'clock. Interment at Richmond, Va.

Dr. Elisha C. Etchison.
Funeral services for Dr. Elisha C.
Etchison, who died yesterday, aged
sixty-seven, will be held at Gaithers-
burg, Md., tomorrow at 2 o'clock.
Interment in Gaithersburg Cemetery.

Patrick H. Kennelly.
Funeral services for Patrick H.
Kennelly, who died yesterday at his
residence, 224 Second street south-
east, aged seventy-two, will be held
there Wednesday at 9 o'clock, and in
St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Charles A. Knokey.
Funeral services for Charles A.
Knokey, who died Friday at his re-
sidence, 1102 Seventh street northeast,
will be held tomorrow morning, at 9
o'clock, in the Church of the Holy
Trinity.

Miss Mable F. Moore.
Funeral services for Miss Mable F.
Moore, who died Saturday, will be
held from St. Paul's Church, Fifteenth
and V streets northwest, tomorrow
at 10 o'clock.

Charles Harper Skeer.
Funeral services for Charles Harper
Skeer, who died Saturday, were held
at the residence of his mother, 2149
Newark street, Cleveland Park, this
afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah B. Wallace.
Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah B.
Wallace, who died Saturday, aged
sixty-eight, were held at the resi-
dence, 113 Eighth street northeast,
this morning.



Uncle Harry Tells About The Supreme Court

"I've been having some very pleas-
ant surprises lately," said Uncle
Harry as he leaned back in the big
comfortable chair that Jimmy and Joe
had pulled up to the table for him.
"I find I have friends all over the
country," he continued. "Boys just like
myself; fellows that want to know
all about the big and important news
of the United States, the war and the
whole world in fact. Sometimes they
ask me questions just to learn about
the news; sometimes they ask me to
supply them with information for their
debates in school and at their club
meetings, and sometimes because they
are writing school compositions."

"Do you mean that boys living in
all parts of the United States write
letters to you?" asked Jimmy.
"Indeed they do," said Uncle Harry,
"and I certainly like to hear from them.
Why, only a few days ago I received
this letter."

Uncle Harry reached into the inside
pocket of his coat and pulled out a
letter and began reading:
"Dear Uncle Harry:
"Please tell me about the United
States Supreme Court and who the men
are that are on the bench. And what
the court is and everything."
"How about it, Joe; can you tell me
about the Supreme Court?" said Uncle
Harry, as he folded up the letter and
put it back in his pocket.

"All I know is that it is the highest
court in the United States and that it
has its court room at Washington, Dis-
trict of Columbia," answered Joe.

"That's right as far as it goes," said
Uncle Harry, "but there is more than

that to it."

Writing a letter to Uncle Harry



every wide-awake boy ought to know
about the United States Supreme Court,
and I'll—

"Wasn't there a lot in the newspaper
the other day about the Supreme
Court?" asked Jimmy.
"Yes, there was," said Uncle Harry.
"The Supreme Court handed down an
important decision stating that the In-
come Tax Law was to remain a law, and
that it did not violate the United States
Constitution."

"What did you say about 'handing
down' something?" asked Joe.
"The words 'handing down' a decision
simply mean that the Supreme Court
has decided a case and has given a pub-
lic announcement of its decision," ex-
plained Uncle Harry. "Suppose," he
explained, "the Supreme Court this way:
First, the State legislatures make the
law for the States, and Congress makes
the laws that affect all the people, no
matter what States or Territories they
live in. But when a man or a company
breaks a law, or some person says a
certain man or a certain company
breaks a law what happens?"

"The man or the officers of the com-
pany are arrested and tried in court,"
said Joe.
"That's right, and the man, we'll say,
is tried in his home town or home coun-
ty court," said Uncle Harry. "If he is
found guilty, and the judge will not give
him a new trial, his lawyer asks to be
allowed to appear before the State court,
which is higher. If the judge gives him
that permission, the lawyer appears be-
fore the State court and tells all about
the trial and states why he thinks a
mistake was made. Then if the judge of
the State court decides that the town or
county court did not make a mistake,
but admit that there is still some doubt
about the man having had a fair trial,
those judges of the State court give the
lawyer permission to go before the
United States Supreme Court, which is
the highest court of the country. If the
Supreme Court decides that the man had
a fair trial then he must go to jail or
pay a fine, whichever it was that the
first judge said he must do. But if the
Supreme Court decides that the man
did not have a fair trial, then he has
another chance—he is given a new trial,
and his lawyer has a second opportu-

CHRISTMAS SEALS NETTED \$800,000

Total of \$3,295,000 Raised
From Sales by American
Red Cross in Nine Years.

The American Red Cross has an-
nounced that \$800,000 Christmas
seals, netting \$800,000, were sold dur-
ing the holiday season. This far ex-
ceeds the 1914 record, when 55,000,000
seals were sold. In the nine years
during which the sale of Christmas
seals has been in progress a total of
\$3,295,000 has been raised to aid the
fight against tuberculosis.

Gratification was expressed by Red
Cross officials today over the show-
ing during the recent holidays, as the
generosity of the American people
had been drawn on heavily during
the year on account of war relief
appeals.

Big Increase Reported In Laundry Industry

A big increase in the laundry indus-
try of the United States, from 1909 to
1914, is shown in a report just issued
by the United States Census Bureau.
Capital invested in the industry in-
creased 12.5 per cent, from \$6,825,000
to \$8,000,000. Salaries and wages in-
creased from \$2,000,000 to nearly \$2,500,000, and the industry gave employment
to 19,104 persons in 1914, as compared
with 15,104 in 1909.

MT. MITCHELL FOREST TO BE PLAYGROUND

Great Appalachian Reserve
Thrown Open to Campers
and Vacationists.

Mr. Mitchell Forest, one of the most
beautiful of nature's gardens in the
Eastern part of the United States, lo-
cated in the heart of the southern Ap-
palachian mountains, is to be opened to
the public for camping and recreational
purposes.

To protect the superb primeval for-
ests and the vast natural water sources
the Government acquired the area of
the reserve and later determined to
convert it into a great playground for
the people of the entire country. Con-
sequently, Chief Forester H. E. Graves
has directed his department to prepare
complete maps and descriptions of the
country constituting the national park
which will be turned over to the South-
ern railway for distribution.

In the national forest the Govern-
ment will endeavor to offer to all who
may apply either for locations for cot-
tages or sites for camps. Temporary
camp sites will be free, while the per-
manent sites will be not less than \$10.
The only expense which will be in the
park will be for the maintenance of the
park.

From the foot of Mitchell stretches the
Asheville plateau, maintaining an aver-
age altitude of 2,200 feet, to the foot-
hills of the Blue Ridge.

Cotton Picture.

A beautifully colored photograph, en-
titled "The Cotton Plant," has just
been issued by the Southern Railway
Company, and is obtainable on applica-
tion to W. H. Taylor, the passenger
traffic manager of the company. The
picture portrays a growing cotton plant
in full bloom, and is typical of the
States covered by the Southern rail-
way. There also is an insert of an
actual size cotton boll.

National Quartet Will Give Program for Blind

The National Quartet, composed of
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Maxwell, soprano;
William E. Heathwaite, tenor; Miss Lil-
lian Chenoweth, contralto, and Joseph
K. Scottell, bass, with Miss Ethel Gar-
rett Johnson at the piano, will give the
concert for the blind at the Library of
Congress, tomorrow evening, at 8:15
o'clock.

The program will be in four parts.



The Health Alarm

often sounds first in the doctor's office when some
healthy looking specimen of humanity, undergoing ex-
amination for life insurance, is told that his blood pres-
sure is too high.

Increased blood pressure is no longer confined to
old age—it is frequently found in men in their 40's who
are otherwise healthy. In such cases it points to ap-
proaching degeneration of the arteries—a condition
which in turn indicates those errors of diet that often
end in various diseases of the stomach, kidneys, liver,
nerves and heart.

Among these errors of diet is coffee drinking, be-
cause of the drug, caffeine, in coffee, the constant use of
which weakens the walls of the arteries. Medical au-
thorities now insist that in all cases of high blood pres-
sure there must be total abstinence from coffee, tea and
other harmful beverages.

Hard to give up coffee? Not at all, when one uses
instead the pure food-drink—

Instant Postum

This delicious beverage is made of wheat, roasted
with a little wholesome molasses. It is then reduced to
a soluble powder, a level teaspoonful of which with hot
water makes a perfect cup instantly.

Instant Postum tastes much like mild Java coffee, but
is absolutely free from the drug, caffeine, or any harmful
ingredient. It does contain those vitalizing elements of
the grain which make for normal balance of the system.

"There's a Reason"

Send a 2-cent stamp to Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., at
Battle Creek, Mich., for a 5-cup sample of Instant Postum.

ASK LAST WORD ON NATIONAL DEFENSES

Anti-Preparedness Committee-
men Would Go on Record
Before Committee.

The anti-preparedness committee is
seeking to have the last word in the
hearings before the Senate and House
Military Committees on National De-
fense.

An announcement given out by the
anti-preparedness committee says pre-
parations are under way for a regular
held day for the opponents of "prepared-
ness." They will be heard before the
Senate committee tomorrow afternoon,
and before the House committee
Wednesday morning. Their plan is to
have the opposition to the President's
program voiced by distinguished repre-
sentatives of labor, agricultural inter-
ests, church, business, and education.

Arrangements are being made to obtain
for the hearings President John P.
White, of the United Mine Workers of
America; President James H. Maurer,
of the Pennsylvania Federation of La-
bor; Bishop Charles D. Williams, of
Detroit; President Charles Barrett,
of the Farmers' Union, with headquarters
at Atlanta; Governor Capner of Kansas,
who entertained the President at To-
peka; President Clarence Howard,
of the Business Men's League of St.
Louis; and Henry Ford, Miss Lillian P.
Wald, of the Henry Street Settlements,
New York, who is chairman of the
"anti-preparedness" committee, will
speak on behalf of the organization.

The committee, in a general effort to
give Mr. Ford a brand new sensation,
has offered to pay his expenses for the
trip.

INCREASES SHOWN BY EQUITABLE LIFE

New Insurance Paid for During
1915 Totaled \$158,456,612,
Maximum Allowed by Law.

The statement of the Equitable Life
Assurance Society of the United States
shows evidence of the company's contin-
ued progress. Increases are shown in
outstanding insurance, admitted assets,
surplus, income from investments, and
payments to policyholders. Of the 5,918
domestic death claims paid during the
year, over 98 per cent were settled with-
in one day after the receipt of due
proof of death.

The payments to policyholders in 1915
aggregated \$68,371,888 which was \$2,350,000
more than was received in premiums
from policyholders during the same
period. The insurance on the company's
books now aggregates \$1,529,886,053,
an increase of \$5,500,000 for the year.

The new insurance paid for during
1915 totaled \$158,456,612, the maximum al-
lowed the company under the insurance
law of New York State. The number of
policyholders increased about 35,000 dur-
ing 1915.

Redfield Urges Closer Relations in Commerce

Closer co-operation between the com-
mercial organizations of the nation and
the Government Bureau was predicted
Saturday night at the banquet given by
Secretary Redfield of the Department of
Commerce to the secretaries of com-
mercial bodies at the University Club.

The conference the secretary have
held here with Government representa-
tives were declared to have been of in-
estimable value and it was predicted their
effects would be felt in business circles
at an early date.

The conference will close tomorrow
night.

NAVAL RED CROSS WORK EMPHASIZED

Washington Chapter Enters
Upon Final Week of Cam-
paign for 5,000 Members.

With emphasis on the naval side of
the work of the Red Cross, the Wash-
ington chapter today entered upon the
closing week of its campaign to get
5,000 members in Washington.

Reports for the first week's efforts
show 1,500 new members, making a
total of 2,500, half of the number toward
which the chapter is working. These
were obtained despite the inclement
weather on two days last week which
handicapped the workers.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock Passed
Assistant Surgeon W. E. Eaton, U. S. N.,
will describe the personnel of the
medical service in the navy. He will
talk of the work of the hospital corps
man, his many duties, and his technical
training at the Hospital Corps
Training School.

At 4:30 o'clock today, Surg. Charles
G. Smith, U. S. N., will describe how
the navy cares for its sick, the "sick
bays" of battleships, and of the naval
hospitals located at various naval sta-
tions.

These lectures will take place at the
exhibition rooms, Thirteenth and E
streets, and the exhibition will be op-
erally until Friday. On that day former
President Taft will view it.

Octagon House Reception

The Washington branch of the As-
sociation for the Preservation of
Virginia Antiquities will give a re-
ception at the historic Octagon House
on Washington's Birthday. The af-
fair will be held from 4 to 6 p. m.

THE EQUITABLE

LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE U. S.
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

The 56th Annual Report of the Society, which
will be sent to any address on application, shows:

NEW INSURANCE PAID FOR IN 1915.....\$ 158,456,612

(The maximum which the Society was permitted
to write in that year under the Insurance Law
of the State of New York.)

OUTSTANDING INSURANCE, DEC. 31, 1915.....\$1,529,886,053

ADMITTED ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1915.....\$ 546,961,912

GENERAL INSURANCE RESERVE.....\$418,826,331

SURPLUS RESERVES.....10,079,766 \$ 458,906,097

OTHER LIABILITIES.....

For Distribution to Policyhold-
ers in 1916.....\$ 13,573,499

Held awaiting apportionment upon
deferred dividend policies.....63,910,551

For Contingencies.....10,571,765 \$ 88,055,815

RECEIPTS FROM PREMIUMS IN 1915.....\$ 56,015,862

RECEIPTS FROM INVESTMENTS.....\$ 24,899,405

TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES.....\$ 83,290,810

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS.....\$ 58,371,388

During the year the Society invested \$27,888,067
at an average yield of 5.06%.

The Annual Report contains the Financial State-
ment, verified by Certified Public Accountants,
schedules of investments, and full details regarding
the substantial advances made during the year.

It also describes a variety of new policies includ-
ing one under which the Equitable will pay an income
for life to the person insured if he should become
totally and permanently disabled, as well as an in-
come for life to the beneficiary after his death.

Of the death claims paid in the United States and
Canada, over 98% were settled within twenty-four
hours after receipt of due proof of death.

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